

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP NEWSLETTER JULY 2023



News:

Who we are

The NP Steering Group is an independent group of parishioners currently comprising:

Chair - Richard Edwards

Vice Chair - vacant

Treasurer - Gary Sheppard

Secretary – Robert Goard

Members: John Miller, Mike Harrison, Nick Davies, Gill Cox.

Contact us via

neighbourhoodplan@pilningsevernbeach-pc.gov.uk or call 01454 632170.

Next meeting 15th August, 7 pm at Emmaus Church, Severn Beach.

Shaping the future of our local area

**An opportunity for residents to
influence planning policy
including:**

How many new homes and where to build them

Areas for parking, transport, cycle ways and footpaths

Space for retail, office and community buildings

What new buildings should look like

Protecting and increasing green and recreation spaces

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<https://www.psbpc.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan>



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Meeting With South Gloucestershire Council:

On 6th July we had an important meeting with the Strategic Planning Team at SGC where we advised them of the potential sites for new housing. Given that information, we agreed with them the next urgent step needs to be the preparation of technical reports to present how mitigation of flood risk and removal of land from green belt can be achieved. Both will require consultancy support and probably legal advice. Funding for such services in this financial year is still not being made available and is delaying our work. We have asked Jack Lopresti MP to pursue this through Government.

Sevenside Festival 8th July:

A big thank you to the many who came to visit our stand. As reported in this newsletter before, there had been plenty of misinformation and gossip on social media, in advance of the festival, about detailed development plans. We believe we were successful in answering questions and providing accurate and honest information on potential sites, none of which are advanced. Although some residents still have concerns about change in their back yards, we hope they can see and appreciate the benefits the Neighbourhood Plan could offer to the wider community.

Steering Group Membership:

At our July meeting we sadly learned that our Vice-chair, Anuran Wickramasinghe would be moving from the Parish and therefore leaving the Group. Anuran has been a key contributor since May 2021 and will be missed. But we're glad to welcome Gill Cox who has joined the Group. If, at the Sevenside Festival, we whetted the appetite for any resident to become more involved in the Neighbourhood Plan, please come and join us.

